

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 and 7 remain in this application. Claims 1, 5-6, and 8-9 have been cancelled in order to advance prosecution on the merits. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-4 and 7 are allowed.

Each of claims 2 and 4 has been amended to cancel the feature in f) for "locking means for preventing accidental alteration of recorded data." Each of the foregoing amendments is clearly supported by the original specification. Consequently, no new matter has been added.

Applicant's invention discloses a moisture resistant rustproof smart hanger system that provides a set of plastic spindles or thumb wheels permanently attached to a hanger. The spindles are designed to record, for a particular garment, the last cleaned date, the number of times worn, and the last worn date. A user sets the "Last Cleaned" date when a garment or apparel is first placed on the smart hanger; the "Times Worn" indicator is set to 01. The user updates the dates on the "Times Worn" and "Last Worn" record indicators each time the garment or apparel is worn.

Drawings

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

The Examiner has indicated that the drawings do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Namely, the Examiner indicated that the two different types of locking means and corresponding features (i.e. "teeth", "tab held by spring tension" and "spring-loaded bar") for preventing accidental alteration of data must be shown or the features canceled from the claims. In order to overcome the objection to the

drawings, each of claims 2 and 4 has been amended to cancel the feature in f) for “locking means for preventing accidental alteration of recorded data.” In addition, claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 5 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stutzman (USP 4,886,010) in view of Anker (USP 4,173,197).

Stutzman discloses a garment wear monitor for recording the number of times an article of clothing is worn. The monitor is removably or permanently affixed to a clothing hanger, or is removably affixed to the garment directly. Each time the garment is worn the garment wear monitor is advanced by one number manually or automatically. The garment wear monitor may also display the date on which the garment was last cleaned. A threshold indicator serves to remind the user to have the garment cleaned when a predetermined number of wearings have taken place. The garment wear monitor may display the number of wearings and the date of last cleaning by a mechanically movable scale or by an electronic digital display.

Anker discloses a volley ball rotation counter for keeping track of the rotation of the serve, having right and left rotatable upwardly facing discs capable of receiving visible removable markings, the discs having indicia thereon indicating six symbolic playing positions on each disc and spaced around the axis

of each disc, disc rotation retarding devices mounted on a frame and for resisting accidental disc rotation and permitting said discs to be rotated manually in clockwise directions when an operator manually engages an edge of a disc to urge said disc into rotation.

In view of the cancellation of claims 5 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 5 and 8 as being obvious over Stutzman in view of Anker has been rendered moot.

Claims 6 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stutzman (USP 4,886,010) in view of Rudduck (USP 3,030,016).

Rudduck discloses a golf score register of the type which can be hand set to indicate the total strokes of a golf game. The golf score register includes interconnected unit and ten dials to indicate the total strokes used in a golf game.

In view of the cancellation of claims 6 and 9, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 6 and 9 as being obvious over Stutzman in view of Rudduck has been rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in allowable condition. Reconsideration of the objection to the drawings, together with the allowance of present claims 2-4 and 7, are earnestly solicited.

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